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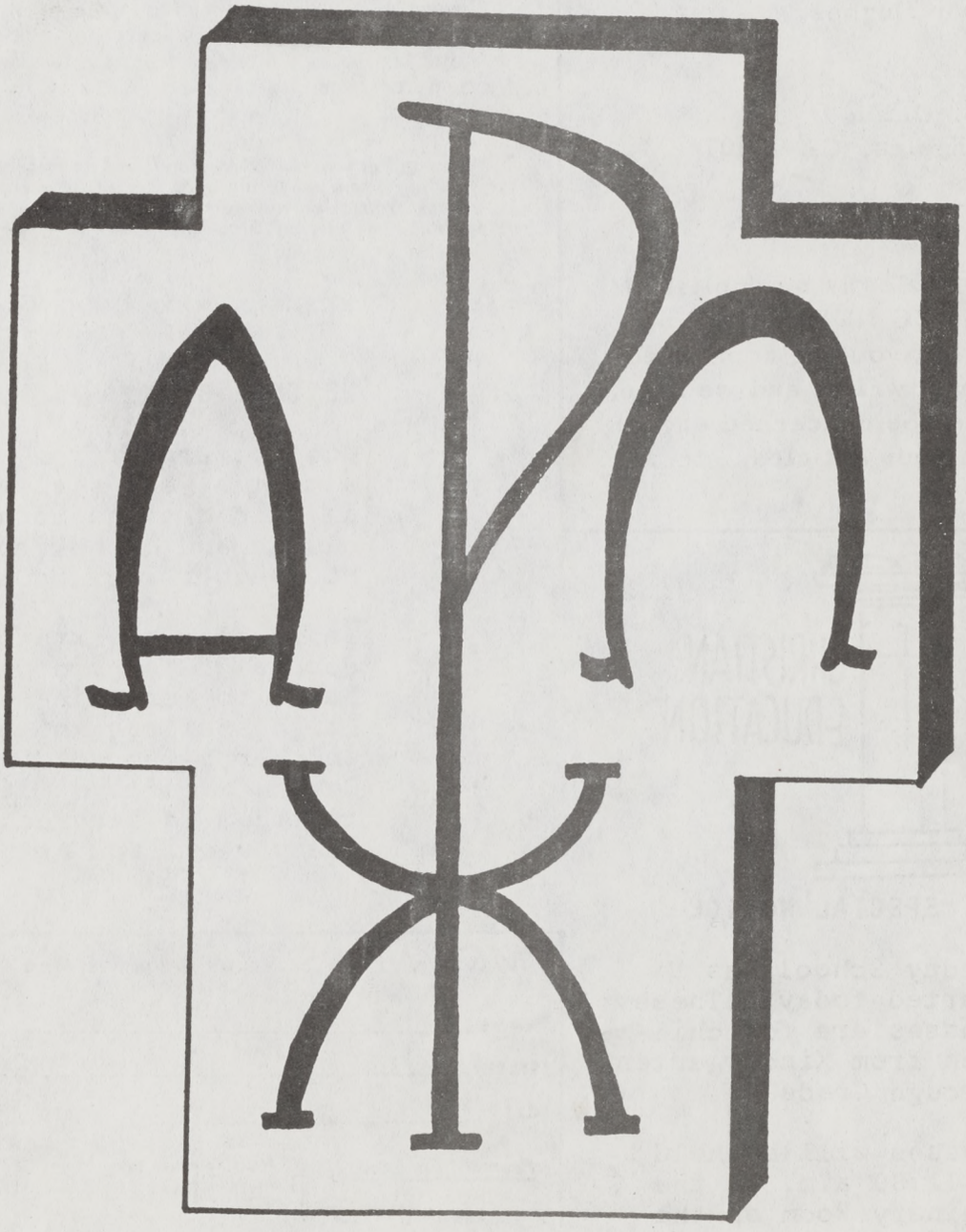

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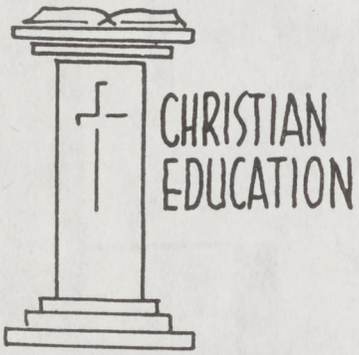

SPECIAL NOTICE

Sunday School has started today. These classes are for children from Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Classes will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminary Room on the 2nd floor.

How Far?

READ PSALMS 103:8-14

Bible Thought: ***"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins"*** **(Isaiah 43:25).**

DISTANCE IS a constant factor in our daily lives. Nearly everyone has had the experience of sitting too far away from a theater screen, as well as being too close to strangers; both of these can give us an uncomfortable feeling.

Spiritual distance is also a factor in our lives. People develop anxiety and fear when they live too far away from God and too close to wickedness, impurity—sin.

Before God's true spirit was revealed to men through the man Jesus Christ, ancient people thought that the Supreme Being was unapproachable. As the number and severity of their sins mounted, guilt led to feelings of helplessness and despair flooded their spirits.

Indeed, Jesus Christ did change the world by his coming. Before he came those overwhelmed by sin had no assurance of a better life after death and easily felt crushed and dejected. Truly, a change was wrought by belief in the Savior. It was possible for one's sins to be removed from him "as far as the east is from the west": not only to be removed from close at hand, but to be forgotten.

Loving Father, your mercy and love overwhelms us as we read of your promises to not only forgive us our sins, but to erase them from your memory. Grant us peace of mind in our hope of eternal life. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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WELCOME BACK, FRIENDS!

Just returned from almost a year's absence in Ohio are the mother, sister and nephew of MCC member Paul McGlone.

We're glad to extend a cordial "Glad you're back" to Geraldine Leigh, Barbara McGlone and her 5-year-old son, David. You'll be seeing them in services every week from now on.

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NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PRAYER

We have all been told that "prayer changes things," and that "God cares." Never before have these lessons been demonstrated to me more vividly and personally than during this past week.

Having learned that my mother was in the hospital in Miami, suffering from severe pain and other complications, I called MCC at once. Rev. Troy Perry was extremely understanding and sympathetic. He offered prayer while I listened on the telephone, and beseeched God not only to heal my mother's suffering but to give me added strength during the crisis. At my request, Rev. Perry agreed to ask Rev. Brad Wilson (MCC-Miami) to visit her in the hospital. He also indicated that her name would be submitted to the special prayer group here in the Church.

I'm grateful to be able to report that mother's condition has improved remarkably since Monday morning. She is much, much better, and Rev. Wilson said he would visit her again within a couple of days.

To God, and to all others who joined in this demonstration of the miraculous power of prayer, I can say but two words: THANK YOU.

Joe Coltrane

MOVED ?

NEW ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER

BROTHERS IN NEED

GLF is starting a blanket, sheet and canned goods drive for "crashes" that they house and feed every day of the week. Their general fund is exhausted, and any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Take any of these items to the GLF offices at 4400 Melrose, day or night, as the office is staffed 24 hours a day.

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I could not sleep last night.
I was writing my name over and over, all night.
I began to know that I was a someone
And I discovered that to be a someone was to be responsible.

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A WORD FROM MCC-MIAMI

Rev. Brad Wilson has announced that services of the MCC-Miami congregation are held at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. every Sunday at 2175 N.W. 26th Street. Phone: 634-4912.

Remember the SHUT-INS

LONG BEACH PARISH NEWS

The Long Beach Parish held its election of officers at its last meeting, and is very pleased with the outcome -- which includes many new members, but there is plenty of room for more!

At the next meeting, Wednesday, May 2nd, there will be a discussion on dating and marriage. All are welcome.

WHAT ABOUT FLOWERS ?

Where do those beautiful flowers on the altar come from? They must come from God.

Well, they don't come from God. They come from members and friends of MCC. The flowers we see each Sunday are donated, not only to the Glory of God, but to each of us. After all, what better way to show someone that you are for them than with flowers?

I don't think anyone who has been in Church the past few months has failed to notice just how much the flowers have added to the beauty of the Church. Without you, however, there will be no flowers.

So if you would like to have flowers, please contact Jon Bullock and Wayne Croxen at 894-4420. They can give you all the information, and arrange for your flowers.

JIM KEPNER FEATURED BY THE NORTHEAST PARISH

The Northeast Parish met Tuesday, April 27th at Les Nudelman's comfortable apartment in the mid-Wilshire area. Thirty members were present. Coordinator Jim Mason called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. and introduced new visitors.

Deacon Tom Purcell led us in the opening prayer. Jim announced that the Parish agenda through to Sept. 30th was being mailed to Parish members. He next announced that the Northeast Parish Drawing Room in the new Church (which we have committed ourselves to furnish) was empty! Board Member Howard Coburn indicated that we should not expect support from the Church coffers because of their many other obligations.

Jim Mason then introduced Jim Kepner, the Speaker. Jim Kepner is an important spokesman in our community, a teacher, writer, news reporter for *The Advocate* and a Member of MCC. I had never heard Jim Kepner speak before. He wore a blue striped suit, dark blue shirt, no tie and soft moccasin-type shoes that looked as if they might have been handmade. He has a gentle voice and a thoughtful introspective manner. What he had to say was said quietly, but much of it frankly left me a little stunned.

His presentation, probably assembled from his classes on Homosexual Studies, was structured as an interesting historical summation of medical attitudes and the images shaped and imposed upon us by people he identified as "the Mind Pigs," meaning most psychologists, psychiatrists, behavioral therapists and chemical therapists, whose objectives are to eradicate homosexuality under the guise of pretending to "cure" it. The views and writings of analysts such as Dr. Albert Ellis and Dr. Bieber (who is considered a world authority on homosexuality) were dissected; Kepner revealed distortions, half-truths, semantic lies, conslusions based on faulty logic.

Particularly disturbing were the early brutal "cures" performed in America on homosexual prisoners as recently as the thirties. A speech given by an analyst before a panel of other doctors was quoted; the analyst was reporting on the results of their experiments among prisoners whom the doctors were trying to cure of their homosexuality. Fifteen hundred frontal lobotomies were performed. Three thousand men were castrated. Insulin shock was induced in others. Needless to say, these inhuman methods cured no one of homosexuality. The sex drives were sometimes diminished, but these barbaric treatments had the additional side-effect of diminishing other vital drives as well. The analyst who had made this presentation had to adjourn the meeting suddenly when a female member of the panel became so sickened by the dry statistics that she vomited on the conference table.

The silent outrage we were all experiencing was relieved somewhat as Kepner's lecture progressed to the 1950's and '60's. He covered the struggle to implement the Wolfenden Report in England. Then on to Dr. Evelyn Hooker's startling findings that there was no demonstrable difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals, and specifically, that Rorschach tests with ink blots were not able to determine what sexual preferences the subject had, as had previously been imagined.

Arriving at matters of current concern, Kepner predicted that the Brown Bill would take seven years to pass--and if we do get it, it'll only be the beginning because the Brown Bill by itself isn't much. He said that there was a lot of *non*-vocal support for passage of the Bill, but when these Legislators go to their constituencies and open their doors

to the voters and to special-interest groups the Legislators are approached by police representatives, psychiatrists, Birchers and other hostile elements, but not by homosexuals. They consequently have come to regard us as an unimportant and unorganized group without any Bloc-Vote potential. Our interests are not being considered simply because the opposing groups ***are*** vocal and have made their opinions and displeasure known, while we have kept silent, hoping someone would someday do something nice for us.

Kepner's description of the evolution of our life-style was most interesting. He traced the sudden change in the direction of our culture to the formation of groups such as MCC, SIR and Gay Lib within the last four years. He noted that now that we have a healthier image of ourselves and respect for each other, we are refusing to accept the furtive images of ourselves that Society has imposed on us in the past. With this healthier mental attitude has come a decline in those who engage in guilty encounters in public places, or furtive sex in bushes; we are now moving to construct a valid, meaningful life-style in which our homoeroticism will mean much more than just a preference for one's own sex.

Jim Mason announced that the next meeting will be at the home of Alan Perrine and will be a presentation entitled "Teen-Age Suicide."

Al Correa

Use Failure

Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker.

It should challenge us to new heights of accomplishments, not pull us to new depths of despair.

Failure is delay, but not defeat.

It is a temporary detour, not a dead-end street.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

PRAYER GROUP

Lord, teach us to pray. In the Gospel of Luke, 11:1, this request is made of Jesus by one of his disciples.

That is the spirit of the small prayer group that meets each Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Church.

Truly the promise: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20) has been fulfilled in these services. In each and every instance the Lord has made His Presence known in a very real and special manner.

Many prayers have been answered in an irrefutable manner, and the spiritual lives of all those who have participated have been enormously enriched by these experiences.

If you have a special need for healing of the body, mind or spirit, or if you just seek a deeper, more meaningful relationship with your Creator, we invite you to share in the richness of the blessings God is bestowing on us in these services. If you have requests for special prayer you may leave them at the Church office, and this prayer group will bombard the Throne of Grace in your behalf.

Yours in Christ,
Thom Jones

MOTHER'S DAY IS ON THE WAY

Love in Bloom

Loving you makes springtime
Still more wonderful for me
Because the thought of you is part
Of everything I see...
Skies are bluer, grass is greener,
Birds are more in tune,
A warmer sun there is for me,
A more romantic moon,
And every flower's more lovely
From my special point of view
For it reflects the love that blooms
In my heart for you.

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"A ROOM WITHOUT BOOKS IS A BODY WITHOUT A SOUL."

-- CICERO

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Third Annual MAY FESTIVAL

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

In less than a month we will have our third annual "May Festival." Three years ago it was a small function for those attending our Church, and today our "May Festival" reaches people from one end of the state to another.

I am proud to be a part of the ever-growing social life in our community. Our Church is giving all of us a wide variety of social functions. From the small, simple coffee hour among our friends and fellow Church members to the large, lavish and elaborate dance, and shows such as the "May Festival."

This year's "May Festival" is the answer to my dreams. A function in one of the swingingest places in town, and the top names in the entertainment field.

This year we have "The Factory," which is the place to go if you want to move in fast circles, Charles Pierce, who is the biggest name in his field, and The San Francisco Ballet Co., which ranks among the finest Ballet companies in the United States. I don't think you can top our entertainment anywhere in Southern California on May 22, 1971.

Our contest for King and Queen will have several new innovations. In a contest such as this, everyone knows that the contestants walk on stage, and you see them from a distance. Well, MCC has gone one better. They will be on a moving platform. It is a little difficult to explain, because of space, but you will be able to see each of the contestants from just about anywhere within the club. You are going to ***have*** to see it!

THE FACTORY

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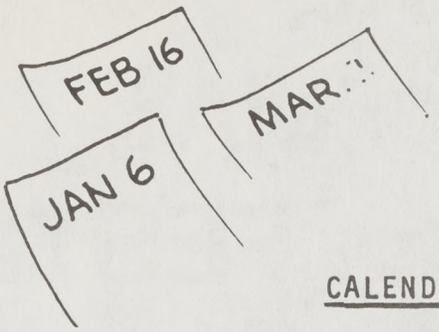
I hope everyone will be able to join us that evening. You will remember it for a long time.

Bill Bennett



DATES to Remember!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 3rd	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
FRIDAY, MAY 7th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, MAY 8th	8:00 pm	PRAYER GROUP
SUNDAY, MAY 9th	9:30	THE ACADEMY: "THE LIFE OF CHRIST" "ETHICAL PROBLEMS"
	10:15	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 pm	EVENING CHURCH SERVICES
TUESDAY, MAY 11th	7:30 pm	NORTHEAST PARISH MEETING AT THE HOME OF ALAN PERRINE
	8:00 pm	VALLEY PARISH MEETING AT BOB BAKER'S, 5348 ALLOT AVENUE, VAN NUYS. PHONE 789-2966 FOR DIRECTIONS. (ALSO MAY 25th)
FRIDAY, MAY 14th	7:30 pm	THE COUPLES' CLUB, AT THE CHURCH

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MAY 22nd SATURDAY	MAY FESTIVAL - 8:30 pm THE FACTORY 622 NO. LA PEER WEST HOLLYWOOD	DONATIONS: $5.00
JUNE	MCC VAUDEVILLE: PLACE TO BE CONFIRMED.	
JULY	SEA CRUISE TO CATALINA: DATE TO BE SET.	

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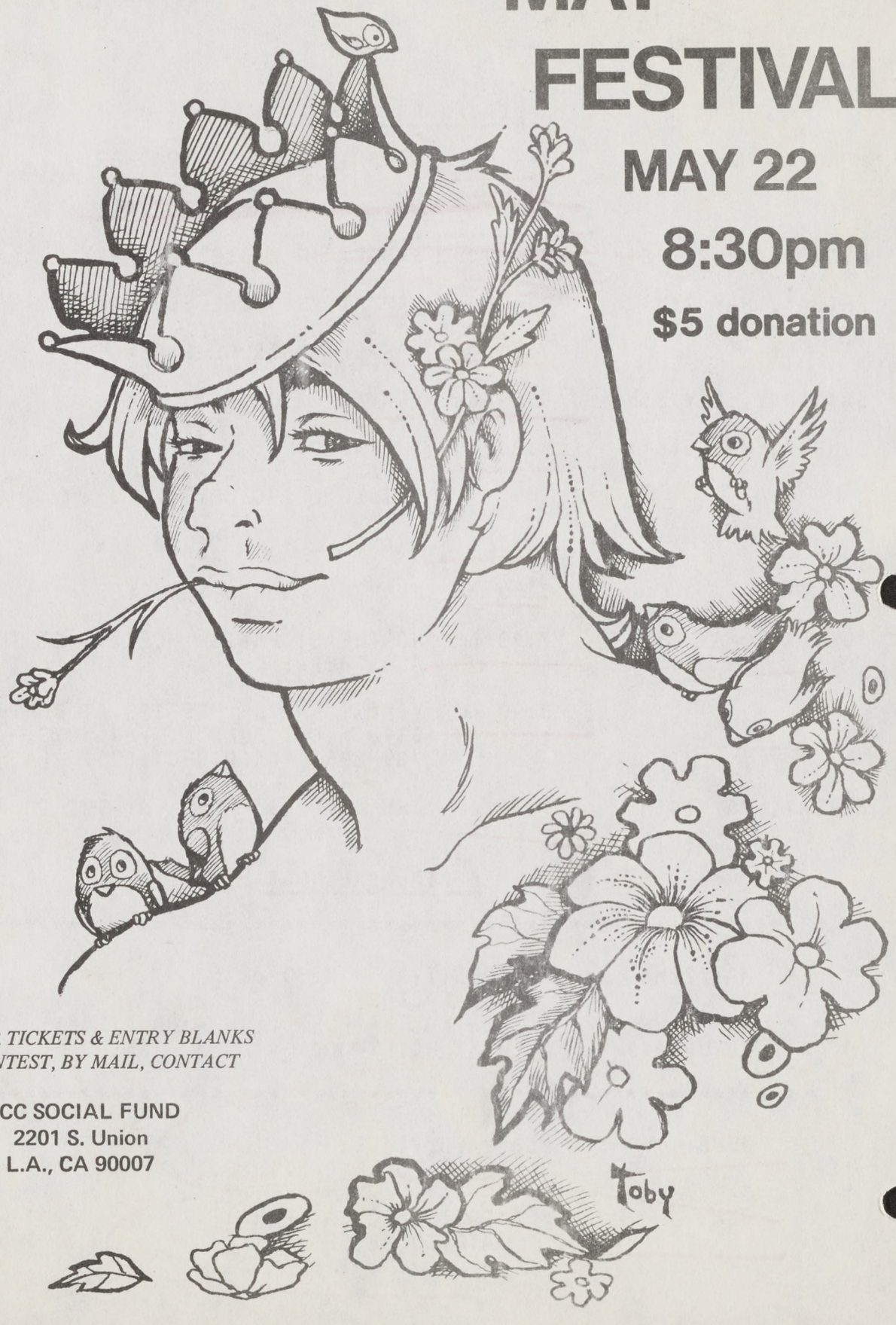

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